

APPROVED 05/01/2008

At 6:05 pm the Board's meeting was called to order in the basement meeting room at the Town Hall by Gene Cordes. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Donald Gates Jr, and Joe Dreyer; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 17 April 2008. Motion was made by Dreyer and seconded by Cordes to approve them as written. The vote was approved 2-0-1 with Gates abstaining.
2. Selectmen had reviewed the Town Hall basement renovations scope of work. Cordes had forwarded comments and there was further discussion tonight. He would like to walk through the building with the scope of work with Thom Roy tomorrow night prior to the Planning Board meeting.

There was further discussion about removing the oil tank from underground. Carlson has also to review this and make additional comments to the scope. Gates has not yet had a chance to review it.

3. Selectmen discussed the drainage and engineering project for the ballfields. They suggested that Bill Rollins provide something on paper about what we are going to do there and why, and to stake the field areas to coincide with the field sketch. The swales are to be cleaned out first, and then further pursue additional drainage work. Cordes said that between now and July 1 is high activity at the fields, and to schedule the work in July and August.

There was also discussion about ballfield maintenance and what work needed to be done this spring. Fertilizer should be ordered and perhaps Tom Rowell consulted to look over the area and make suggestions.

4. Selectmen reviewed a follow-up letter to Robert & Shannon Bryant regarding their abatement request. The letter was signed.
5. Selectmen again reviewed the tax deed list presented by the Tax Collector. Preliminary letters were signed to the Fuller Estate, Rossi, Iacozzi / Torromeo, and Dodge. Information on any payments made to date has also been requested from the Tax Collector.
6. The Barn Easement Public Hearing has been schedule for 7:30 pm on Thursday May 22, 2008 at the Town Hall. Carlson is trying to set up a time earlier in the month for the Board to go out and also review the barn. Joey Smith, the Town's Assessor from MRI will also be asked to go out and look at it. Carlson is trying to have the forms ready for the Board to review next week, when Ms McRae comes back for a follow-up appointment. Several easement templates have also been obtained.

At 7:00 pm there were no Department Heads present.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen again discussed making provisions for approval of the accounts payable manifest at the end of the week as there is not a Board meeting on Thursday. Cordes suggested the same format, in that Heidi Carlson and any one of the members of the Board of Selectmen can review and sign the manifest for release of accounts payable checks. Gates moved to authorize Carlson and one other Selectman to authorize the manifest until the Board can review and sign it on May 1, 2008. Dreyer seconded and the vote was unanimously approved. Cordes and Dreyer will be available on Thursday.

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2. Selectmen reviewed the Parks & Recreation Commission minutes for April 9, 2008. In those minutes, the Commission was approached by a citizen who wants to open the OHRV trail between Route 107 and Epping, which the Town has been opposed to for many years given the number of residential complaints from the illegal use of these trails. The Fremont Police Department has been centrally involved in these efforts as well as participation by the Fremont Conservation Commission. Selectmen suggested that Carlson discuss these matters with Renee King so the Commission can have a full understanding of the history of this issue prior to making a commitment to support it. The Board also asked if the Commission would plan to speak with the Selectmen prior to actively supporting this proposal.

3. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence.

4. Jeanne Nygren has begun working on the Memorial Day plans for 2008 and suggested Eleanor Gates for the Grand Marshal, which Don Gates said she was likely able to do. Nygren had also suggested having one of the recently returning soldiers as a Guest Speaker, which the Selectmen also thought was fine. They suggested that perhaps even a couple of them could speak for a few minutes each, if no one wanted to make a longer, more detailed presentation.

5. Selectmen reviewed an Excavation Tax Warrant and DRA Certification form for Martin Ferwerda property at map 3 lot 2 in the amount of \$228.00. With all in order, motion was made to approve it by Gates and seconded by Dreyer. The vote was unanimously approved.

6. Selectmen reviewed a draft application form for hardship tax matters. The Board agreed to begin using the new application, with some changes from this evening to be added to the form.

7. Selectmen reviewed an Intent to excavate for parcel 03-002 for the 2008-2009 tax year. With all in order, Dreyer moved to approve the Intent. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved.

8. Selectmen reviewed the fee schedule changes proposed by the Planning Board, so that the fees within each set of regulations could be on the Town's Fee Schedule and then removed from each set of regulations. A Public Hearing will be posted for these changes to be reviewed. Very few of the fees were changed (in amount) they are just being moved from the regulations individually to the Town's overall Fee Schedule.

9. Selectmen reviewed a legal filing from Charles Thayer Jr v Albert Witham, which also names the Town in the suit. This pertains to a land dispute between Thayer and Witham, and the configuration of homes and the road known as Christopher Lane. This information has been sent to the Town's legal counsel and referred to the Planning and Zoning Assistant as well as the Building Inspector. Mr Witham had earlier been notified that his last mobile home placement was not in compliance, and Thom Roy is going to follow-up on that again as well.

NEXT WEEK

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday May 1, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The Board is planning to meet with the Fire Rescue Officers at 6:30 pm, and decided to post the meeting to begin at 6:30 pm at the Safety Complex, to return to Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Jeanne Nygren will cover that meeting for the Board, beginning with the 7:00 pm Town Hall session.

This is Dreyer's last meeting as a Selectmen prior to his leaving Fremont. He was wished well in his future endeavors.

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With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Dreyer and seconded by Gates to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. The vote was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator